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# Media Advisory

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## **NOTE TO EDITOR:**

*You can help disaster victims by announcing or publishing the toll-free application number, **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 1-800-462-7585**, as often as possible.*

## **DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE ON HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

**MADISON, WI** — While many businesses and federal offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, state and federal disaster employees will be working both Saturday and Monday of this holiday weekend to continue to provide recovery assistance.

Disaster victims from the declared counties can still call and apply for disaster assistance on Saturday, July 3 and Monday, July 5. **The disaster application phone line will be closed on Sunday, July 4.** The special toll-free number is **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. The TTY number for the speech and hearing impaired is **1-800-462-7585**. The phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, until further notice.

On Monday, July 5, these Disaster Recovery Centers will be open for people who want to stop in and talk face-to-face with a disaster recovery specialist, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.:

- **Oshkosh**, South Park Middle School, 1551 Delaware Street
- **Randolph**, Hutchinson Memorial Library, Community Room Lower Level, 228 North High Street
- **Port Washington**, Auditorium in the Ozaukee County Administration Bldg., 121 West Main Street

The Oshkosh and Randolph Disaster Recovery Centers will also be open on Saturday, July 3, of this holiday weekend during the same hours.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration